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SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTER-
PRISES (CIME)

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1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETING OF INTERESTED OECD DELE-
GATIONS FOR "FIRST AIRING OF VIEWS" ON DRAFT PRESS
RELEASE WAS HELD MARCH 8. WITH EXCEPTION OF US (WE
EXPLAINED WE WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS), ALL PRESENT
(GERMANY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UK, CANADA) SUPPORTED
IDEA OF PRESS RELEASE BEFORE APRIL CIME MEETING,
ALTHOUGH MOST INDICATED THEY HAD PROBLEMS WITH PARA 8
OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT. (IN ADDITION, SECRETARIAT
INDICATED THAT DUTCH, WHO UNABLE TO ATTEND, HAD
ORALLY CONVEYED SIMILAR POSITION.) THEY ALSO AGREED
GENERALLY THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE FOLLOW-
UP CONTACTS WITH PRESS DURING APRIL MEETING AND
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SUGGESTED VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMP-
LISHED. INFORMAL GROUP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS EARLY IN WEEK OF MARCH 20,
FOR WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE ANOTHER DRAFT
PRESS RELEASE INCORPORATING COMMENTS OF DELEGATIONS.
SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL (WITHERELL) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON
NEXT WEEK AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

PRESS RELEASE AND GENERAL SUBJECT OF PRESS CONTACTS
WITH HIM. END SUMMARYT.

2. SECRETARIAT (BERTRAND) STATED OBJECTIVE OF MEETING
WAS TO CONSIDER WHETHER CIME SHOULD HAVE CONTACTS
WITH PRESS AND, IF SO, WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE DONE
BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER APRIL MEETING AND THROUGH
WHAT MEANS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT HAD BEEN INDICATED
AT CIME'S JANUARY MEETING, SECRETARIAT HAD PRODUCED
DRAFT TEXT BASED ON FOUR ASSUMPTIONS: (1) PRESS WILL
KNOW ABOUT CIME APRIL MEETING IN ADVANCE; (2) IT WILL
BE INTERESTED IN MEETING, ESPECIALLY IN APRIL 11
CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC; (3) IT WILL OBTAIN
INFORMATION ON THE MEETING IN ANY CASE THROUGH ONE
CHANNEL OR ANOTHER; (4) GIVEN PREVIOUS "MISINFORMA-
TION" ON CIME ACTIVITIES IN ECONOMIST AND ELSEWHERE,
CIME SHOULD TRY TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT. BERTRAND
MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN (A) GENERAL BACKGROUND INFOR-
MATION ON CIME ACTIVITIES AS CONTAINED IN DRAFT NOTE
TO EDITORS AND (B) INFORMATION TO PRESS ON BIAC/TUAC
CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 11.

3. BACKGROUND NOTE TO EDITORS: ALL PRESENT (EXCEPT
US) SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS THOUGHT PRESS RELEASE
ALONG LINES OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT WAS GOOD IDEA. HOW-
EVER, WITH EXCEPTION OF SWEDES, THOSE PRESENT AT
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MEETING CITED PROBLEMS WITH PARAGRAPH 8 OF DRAFT
RELEASE. CANADIAN SUGGESTED DROPPING ENTIRE PARA-
GRAPH, UK AND GERMAN PROPOSED GOING NO FURTHER THAN
LANGUAGE IN LETTER TO TUAC, WHILE SWISS SUGGESTED
SIMPLY LISTING THE SEVEN ISSUES, BUT ELIMINATING ANY
NARRATIVE ON THEM. MOST SAID THEY HAD OTHER, MORE
MINOR, DRAFTING POINTS WHICH THEY WOULD SUBMIT TO
SECRETARIAT.

4. FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS WITH PRESS: SWEDE DREW LINK
BETWEEN BACKGROUND NOTE AND FUTURE CONTACTS WITH
PRESS REGARDING APRIL CIME MEETING AND BIAC/TUAC
CONSULTATIONS, IN THE SENSE THAT CONTENT OF FORMER

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DEPENDENT ON CONTENT OF LATTER AND VICE VERSA. MOST OTHERS PRESENT AGREED THAT SUCH LINK EXISTED AND GENERALLY VOICED SUPPORT FOR SOME SORT OF PRESS CONTACT DURING MEETING. VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES WERE DISCUSSED AS TO WHEN PRESS SHOULD BE BRIEFED, WHO SHOULD DO BRIEFING AND IN WHAT FORMAT. NO ONE FAVORED FULL PRESS CONFERENCE BY CIME CHAIRMAN OR BY SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, SOME SENTIMENT EXPRESSED FOR MAKING CHAIRMAN AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ON TUESDAY EVENING AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC, (IN THIS CASE, IT WOULD BE ACTING CHAIRMAN NIKLASSON) AND AFTER CLOSE OF MEETING ON THURSDAY (VON DEWITZ). OTHERS FELT IT WOULD, IN ADDITION, BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE DELEGATIONS BRIEF THEIR OWN LANGUAGE PRESS. SECRETARIAT OFFERED IDEA OF THREE INFORMAL BRIEFINGS -- ONE BY SECRETARIAT TUESDAY MORNING BEFORE CONSULTATIONS TO EXPLAIN THEIR PURPOSE, ONE BY ACTING CHAIRMAN AFTER CONSULTATIONS AND ONE BY CHAIRMAN AT END OF CIME MEETING. GROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS WITH PRESS

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AT ITS NEXT INFORMAL MEETING.

6. MISSION COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE CAUTIONED THAT LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS INDICATION THAT U.S. HESITANCY ABOUT PRESS CONTACTS EXPRESSED IN CIME IN PAST HAD CHANGED, CLEAR FROM MEETING THAT

OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS BEGINNING TO FAVOR MUCH MORE OPEN POLICY TOWARD PRESS. THIS APPEARS TO BE MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO CORRECT MISINFORMATION ABOUT CIME ACTIVITIES, TO PORTRAY CIME IN POSITIVE LIGHT AND TO MEET WHAT IS FELT TO BE HEIGHTENED PRESS INTEREST. AT THE SAME TIME MOST OF THESE DELEGATIONS WOULD WISH TO CONTROL THE DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION SO THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO CIME AS A WHOLE. BASED ON VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS AND BALANCED BACKGROUND STATEMENT FOR PRESS. MISSION STILL BELIEVES SUCH STATEMENT IS ON BALANCE DESIRABLE FOR REASONS EXPRESSED REFTEL AND NOW FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION THAT U.S. WOULD BE ALONE IN OPPOSING STATEMENT, A FACT WHICH WOULD VERY LIKELY "LEAK" TO PRESS. ISSUE OF FUTURE PRESS CONTACTS AND THEIR PROLIFERATION IS MUCH MORE TROUBLESOME. ONE POSSIBLE OPTION IS FOR CIME TO MEET (PRIVATELY) EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER BIAC/TUAC CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 11 TO DECIDE WHETHER AND HOW PRESS CONTACTS DURING MEETING SHOULD BE HANDLED. SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE PRESSING FOR RESOLUTION THIS ISSUE BEFORE APRIL MEETING ON BASIS THAT (A) DISCUSSIONS ON PRESS RELATIONS DURING MEETING WILL LEAD TO TIME-CONSUMING WRANGLING AND (B) PRESS NEED TO KNOW BEFOREHAND IF SOME SORT OF BRIEFING WILL BE HELD. ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE APPROACH IN NEXT INFORMAL MEETING AT PERMANENT DELEGATIONS LEVEL MIGHT BE TO SEEK TO TRADE OFF U.S. AGREEMENT TO ISSUING BACKGROUND STATEMENT AGAINST UNDERSTANDING THAT FUTURE CONTACTS WITH PRESS ON APRIL MEETING WOULD BE LIMITED TO INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS. A FALL-BACK FORMULA COULD BE AGREEMENT ON ANODYNE PRIOR PRESS RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTING CHAIRMAN (NIKlasson) TO BE AVAILABLE TO PRESS ON EVENING APRIL 11 ON CONDITION THAT CIME WOULD MEET PRIVATELY AFTER BIAC DEPARTS TO "REHEARSE" WHAT HE WOULD SAY. AGREEMENT TO MAKE THE CHAIRMAN (VON DEWITZ) AVAILABLE ON THE SAME BASIS THE EVENING OF APRIL 13 WOULD GIVE PRESS MORE "BALANCED" ACCOUNT OF CIME DELIBERATIONS, SINCE BRIEFING ON APRIL 11 WOULD FOCUS ON MNE GUIDELINES. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT, IN EITHER CASE, MAKING CHAIRMAN AVAILABLE TO PRESS WOULD VERY LIKELY BECOME PRECEDENT FOR ALL FUTURE REGULAR CIME MEETINGS AND/OR CIME CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON ABOVE ISSUES AT

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